

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4 are rejected by the Examiner.

The Examiner has objected to Figure 1 of the drawings. A proposed revision of Figure 1 is attached to this paper. Applicant will submit a replacement drawing upon approval of this revision by the Examiner.

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (US Patent No. 6,281,983 B1).

Takahashi is directed to a copier that has a scanner. The document to be copied is scanned by the scanning unit and the user is allowed to see various images of the document prior to printing the copies. The user interface allows the user to see the image to be copied in such previews as zooms, enlargements, different-sized papers etc.

In contrast, the instant invention is directed to allowing a user to load a paper with unique visual characteristics into a paper tray as paper stock, then update the information on the printer to reflect that a particular paper tray has a particular paper stock in it for printing jobs. Paper stock in a paper tray is not the same thing as a piece of paper in an automatic document feeder. The designation of the ADF being the same as a paper tray seems contrary to the ordinary meaning of the term paper tray.

Therefore, the piece of paper scanned as a representative paper of the paper stock is not the same as the scanned original image in Takahashi. The use of the term stock clearly shows that the paper has not been printed yet, the paper is to be used for printing. The original image of Takahashi, in contrast, is a printed document to be copied.

In addition, the user interface is updated to allow a user to preview the paper stock in the paper trays of the printer, not to preview a document that has already been printed and is desired to be copied.

Finally, the user interface is not accessible across a network. The user in Takahashi has to be standing at the copier to present the original document for scanning and then interacts with the user interface at the copier. In contrast, the user interface accessible across the network allows the user to preview the paper stock prior to printing anything.

It is therefore submitted that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of this claim is requested.

Claim 2 depends from claim 1 and should be ruled allowable for that reason and for its own merits. Takahashi does not teach all of the elements of claim 1, for the reasons discussed above, much less the additional limitation that the piece of paper representative of the paper stock is scanned at a stand-alone scanner prior to having the image of the paper stock associated with a particular tray in the printer. It is therefore submitted that claim 1 is patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of all claims is requested.

Claims 3-4 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Takahashi as applied to claim 1 and in combination with applicant's admitted prior art.

Takahashi does not disclose every feature of the claimed invention as claimed in claim 1, as discussed above. Applicant's Admitted Prior Art is restricted to the acknowledgement that document management applications such as SharpDesk™ and Adobe Acrobat® exist. The combination of Takahashi and the existence of document management applications does not show the use of a document management application being used to include previews of images of paper stock in the printer trays of a printer, much less that the application is either SharpDesk™ or Acrobat®. It is therefore submitted that claims 3 and 4 are patentably distinguishable over the prior art and allowance of these claims is requested.

No new matter has been added by this amendment. Allowance of all claims is requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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